

**Resident Information**  
**Solicitor and Transient Vendors**  
(ORC §505.94, Resolution No. 2026 - 031)

1. HOURS.

Solicitors, Transient Vendors (“Vendors”), and Representatives of the Vendor (“Representatives”) are limited to the following hours and calendar days:

Monday through Saturday

May 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 8 pm

October 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 6 pm

No Solicitation on Sundays or Federal Government-recognized Holidays

2. REGULATION.

Howland Township provides residential property owners with a means to prohibit certain types of door-to-door solicitation and canvassing through Howland Township Resolution No. 2026 - 031 as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code §505.94. No Solicitation shall occur on any residence where a NO SOLICITING decal is displayed. It is the homeowner's responsibility to display a NO SOLICITING decal or sign in a visible location near the front door.

3. DO NOT SOLICIT LIST.

Howland Township has created a DO NOT SOLICIT list. The DO NOT SOLICIT list records the households that do not want uninvited Vendors to visit. No solicitation shall occur at any residence that is listed on the DO NOT SOLICIT list.

For registration to be on the DO NOT SOLICIT list, please visit the Howland Township website at <https://www.howlandoh.gov> and click on the DO NOT SOLICIT button. Complete the brief form and hit submit. Homeowners also may go to the Township Administration Offices to complete the form. The administration will review the form information for accuracy and update the list on our website. **Only addresses (no names) will be listed on the DO NOT SOLICIT list.** A residence will remain on the list for 5 years. At the end of that time, the homeowner will need to re-register. Homeowners can remove their residence from the list by coming to

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the Township Administration Offices, where verification of residence will be reviewed and validated. A valid State ID will be requested.

*While the DO NOT SOLICIT list will be helpful in preventing uninvited Representatives, NO SOLICITING decals or signs are the most effective legal means of preventing solicitation. A homeowner does not need to be on the DO NOT SOLICIT list to be covered by the no solicitation requirement of Resolution No. 2026 – 032 if a No Soliciting decal or sign is posted.*

#### 4. BADGES.

Each Vendor or Representative must wear the official Howland Township Solicitor Identification Badge in a visible location and carry a copy of the approved application form with the appropriate approval signature upon his or her person while soliciting. If asked by a resident or Howland Township Police Officer, the Vendor or Representative must present the badge and form.

#### 5. EXEMPTIONS

**Non-Profit/Charitable Organizations:** Entities organized for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes where no earnings benefit private individuals.

**Political/Religious Speech:** Persons providing information, literature, or communication regarding political issues, candidates, or religious institutions.

**Invited Guests:** Anyone invited by a property owner or tenant to their premises to sell or solicit orders.

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6. RESIDENT RIGHTS.

If an individual comes to your door and you have a NO SOLICITING decal or sign posted, get as much information as possible (full name, name of the company, and description of the solicitor), then immediately call Trumbull County 911 Non-Emergency dispatch number 330-675-2730 to report the violation and request to speak with a Howland Township Police Officer. A police officer must be able to identify the individual to issue a citation.

If you witness solicitors without Howland Township identification badges or observe soliciting activity outside of the permitted hours, get as much information as possible regarding the solicitor and immediately call the Trumbull County 911 Non-Emergency dispatch number 330-675-2730 and request to speak with a Howland Township Police Officer.